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Subject: Request of Lease Application by Natasha Sesko

Hello Dave,

I have provided your name and phone number as a point of contact to Natasha Sesko (b) (6) who is requesting information on how to lease state owned aquatic lands at Bremerton. The information is incomplete, but this is what I know:

- 1) She owns waterfront property on the north side of Bremerton within GL 7, T24N, R1E. The property is located between Pennsylvania Ave. and Thompson Ave. (Anderson Cove area)
- 2) She has been mooring a boat and a barge in the harbor in front of her property, and the City has been threatening to remove the vessels for several City ordinance violations. The only written information provided by Natasha were two pages from the City of Bremerton Shoreline Management manual, figure 3-1 (page 3-13) for the Shoreline Designations map for her property and page 3-7, which notes that her property is within an Urban Industrial area (area I-1). The dispute probably concerns permitted uses within the area since the City is going through a Downtown Waterfront Urban Renewal Planning process.
- 3) For some reason she contacted the office of the Lieutenant Governor and was complaining about the City and about her problems. Her complaints were forwarded by Juliette Schindler (with Lt. Gov office, 360-786-7730) to the Aquatic Resources Division. I have not spoken to Juliette to get her side of the story.
- 4) I spoke to Natasha on late Friday afternoon and it is obvious that she does not have a understanding of personal property rights and the rights of the public to use the surface of public waters. She felt that she should be able to use the public waters in front of her property.
- 5) I have checked the index sheets, and the state platted a harbor area in this area in 1913, but the State did not plat any of tidelands tracts along this portion of the harbor, so none of the first class tidelands have been sold.
- 6) I attempted to explain to her that if she wishes to lease state owned tidelands and/or harbor area, she must file an application with the DNR and a determination would be made to see if the lands are available for lease.

A note of caution, this women does not understand the American culture, property rights, or the governmental regulatory authority at all. I am not certain why this case was forwarded to my desk, but I assume that some comments must have been made by her that there was an ownership dispute between her and the City?

Because, this situation has been forwarded from the Lt. Gov's office, I recommend that you keep Angie Wirkkala informed so that we can notify the Lt. Gov. office of any progress.

Good luck and give me a call if I can be of assistance.

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